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TO : Assistant Director, ORE

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FROM : Chief, Map Division, ORE

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation between Mr. Davidson Taylor, Department of State, and [REDACTED]

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1. The Department of State is organizing an important project to develop a program of penetrating the Curtain countries in a comprehensive psychological warfare campaign. Mr. Davidson Taylor is heading a program under Edward W. Barrett, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (P). This project will implement basic policies laid down by an interdepartmental committee on psychological warfare of which Mr. Barrett is chairman. The Department is contracting with MIT to establish a research group which will explore the technical aspects and means of penetration, as well as the development of specific socio-psychological ideas and concepts for a dissemination program. The group will include about 25 scientists in proportions of about 2/3 natural scientists and about 1/3 social scientists. It will include such personalities as Clyde Kluckholm, Edward Purcell, Hans Speier, the younger Millikan and others. The group will be headed by Dean John E. Burchard of MIT, Dean of Humanities, and Edward Purcell is to be Deputy Chief. It will occupy a highly secluded and well-guarded former Air Force installation at Lexington, Massachusetts.

2. The operation will be primarily a State Department responsibility. When special services are required these will be requested through normal liaison channels on the basis of the representation on the Interdepartmental Committee. For example, at the moment something like 29 different modes of penetration have been listed, and of these roughly one-fourth will require covert implementation. In such instances these will be turned over to the proper channels. Mr. Jesse MacKnight of Barrett's office is liaison officer for the project.

3. The following countries are being considered in the project:

U.S.S.R.	Bulgaria
Poland	Albania
Czechoslovakia	China
Hungary	Eastern Germany
Rumania	Korea

The last two -- Korea and Eastern Germany -- are given low priority in the schedule because these are considered to be less difficult to penetrate.

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4. Mr. Taylor expressed an earnest desire for map intelligence support to the operation. His needs were defined in terms of three phases. Phase I is to be a preliminary meeting of scientists who will meet in Washington around 5 October 1950, depending on the security clearance of the men concerned. Mr. Taylor would like a selection of maps to be made available at this time. Phase II will be a meeting of about 25 scientists, headed by Dean John E. Burchard, to be held in Washington on 15 October 1950. The map requirement for this meeting will be determined by the preliminary study of Phase I. Phase III will involve providing the permanent research center at Lexington, Mass. with maps.

Two categories of maps are required. Category A includes medium to small scale (1:1,000,000 to 1:4,000,000) general, and hypsographic maps. These should include unclassified maps where possible. Category B includes special topical maps on the following subjects:

- A. Telecommunications -- including maps of the distribution of radio transmitters
- B. Climatic maps -- with emphasis on climatic regions, winds, etc.
- C. Ethnic maps of all kinds, with additional emphasis on (1) movements of peoples (nomadism, transhumance, etc.)
- D. Distribution of fauna -- with reference to migratory animals
- E. Transport maps -- with reference to points of approach into a country
 - 1. International air route maps
 - 2. Waterway maps
 - 3. Roads
 - 4. Railroads
 - 5. Seaports
- F. Administrative and Postal maps

The commitment made for the Map Division with respect to Phase I calls for providing "readily available" maps. The qualification of what is "readily available" may be extended to include secret maps if the security clearance is ~~not~~ forthcoming in time. Since Phase II will involve a number of new people the same security problem will exist.

No commitments were made for extended geographic research on the topics indicated. The discussion with Mr. Taylor indicated, however, that substantial research support in geography would be needed to expedite the project. This raises an important problem for policy levels in CIA to settle.

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5. Security clearance of the personnel is an urgent problem, particularly for Phases I and II, since there are a number of maps classified through secret which could be of value to the requirement.

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